

OGC Has Reviewed

TELEPHONES

Private Residences.

Deputy Executive for Personnel and Administration

16 June 1947

General Counsel

Private Telephone Charges

Attached is Voucher No. 219628 and a copy of memorandum of 18 March 1947 from the Chief, Finance Division to the Executive for Personnel and Administration. As noted in that memorandum payment of these charges constitutes illegal payment as maintenance of a telephone in a private residence can in no sense be considered a government obligation.

You will note that on Page 9 of the billing which supports the enclosed voucher two charges are stated to be for residence of Colonel Wright and residence of General Vandenberg. These entries speak for themselves as improper charges to the government. This and the previous vouchers are due for audit according to present plans during the week of 23 June 1947.

In view of the fact that payment of these items has been made against expected reimbursement by the persons concerned exception on these items would reflect seriously on the administration of Finance Division unless payment is received prior to audit.

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Attachment